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Iraq

President Saddam Husayn announced his intention to personally attend the emergency Arab summit conference in a statement to Kuwait's *AL-SIYASAH* cited by INA, though he added that he may send a personal representative instead if the military situation obliges him to stay in Baghdad. He expressed confidence about Iraq's economic future, noting that Iraq will begin exporting half a million barrels of oil daily via the Saudi pipeline in September and that Iraq's exporting capacity will be further augmented by an agreement with Turkey to build a new pipeline. As for the war with Iran, Saddam Husayn said Iraq's only aim is to prevent Iran from occupying its territory and advancing toward the Gulf, and he reaffirmed that Iraq is not seeking a victory over Iran that would allow it to expand at Iran's expense.

Meanwhile, talks between Saddam Husayn and Jordan's King Husayn focused on the Iran-Iraq war and the agenda of the Arab summit, INA disclosed in a report on the king's brief visit to Baghdad 31 July.

Syria

A spokesman claiming to represent the secret "Eagles Front" told Voice of Lebanon radio that his organization was responsible for bombing the SANA offices in Damascus, adding that the group carried out two other bombings in the Syrian capital at undisclosed locations. Monitored Syrian sources have not been observed to report the attacks, though INA reported a "violent" explosion occurred either inside or outside the SANA offices.

Lebanon

After meeting with former President Sulayman Franjiyah in Ihdin, Lebanese Forces Executive Committee Chairman Elie Hubayqah spoke of "agreement on all the issues discussed" and expressed hope that the "positive signals" resulting from the talks with Franjiyah will solve inter-Christian and inter-Lebanese problems. In his remarks, which were broadcast by Franjiyah's Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon, Hubayqah also disclosed that they had agreed on "certain moves" to cope better with Lebanese developments.

Libya

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi telephoned 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, chairman of the PDRY Supreme People's Council, and Saudi Arabia's King Fahd to discuss the U.S. "invasion" of Egypt in the form of the "Bright Star-85" military exercises, Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio reported. Tripoli radio castigated the exercises, claiming that they are intended to "terrorize" the Egyptian people and render Egyptian territory an "advanced base" for achieving "aggressive" U.S. objectives in the Arab region.

Hajj Issues

The Iranian Ministry of Islamic Guidance, in a statement reported by Tehran radio, rejected a call by the World Muslim League secretary general reported last week by Riyadh radio reminding pilgrimage delegations to refrain from demonstrations and using the pilgrimage as a platform for religious or political differences. The ministry statement called the World Muslim League's position a "link in a chain of plots by the world aggressors and their lackeys" being hatched against Islam and Muslims. Emphasizing Iran's struggle against blasphemy, heresy, and Zionism, the statement said the hajj pilgrims will show their "rejection and hatred" toward world aggressors and Zionism in Medina and Mecca.

Meanwhile, flights transporting Afghan hajj pilgrims were suspended due to "obstacles" created by Saudi authorities, according to a DRA Council of Ministers source cited by Kabul radio.

Pakistan

Pakistan summoned the Afghan charge d'affaires and rejected a protest lodged 29 July that Pakistani forces shelled a residential area in Barikowt, killing one and injuring two, Karachi radio reported.

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Ceremony Marking Combat Successes Held 31 Jul
LD312043 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] The [words indistinct] of combat glories of the National Guard Brigade, was opened this morning by Lieutenant General Abdul Qader, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and vice chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium. The opening ceremony was attended by Major General Muhammad Yasin Sadeqi, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and general head of the Army's political affairs, a number of generals and commanders, and political heads of the units and military training institutions of the Kabul garrison.

In his brief speech, Lt Gen Qader drew the attention of the officers and men of the National Guard Brigade to their formidable duties and revolutionary responsibilities, and invited them to establish ties with the people around the party Central Committee and its Politburo, led by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, president of the Revolutionary Council, and supreme commander of the DRA Armed Forces. Speaking on behalf of the brigade's personnel, the commander and political head of the brigade pledged to implement the resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee and the instructions and orders of the minister of defense and general head of the Army's political affairs, thus raising the level of combat preparedness and high morale to accomplish revolutionary work.

Counterrevolutionaries 'Crushed' in 2 Provinces
LD312004 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Successful operations carried out in Paktia Province resulted in a number of counterrevolutionary elements being crushed, one rocket launcher and three machineguns were seized, and one rocket launcher and two DShK's destroyed. According to another report, successful operations were carried out in Balkh Province, resulting in a number of counterrevolutionary elements being crushed, and one armed terrorist was captured.

Kabul Reports Return of 178 Rebels
LD312106 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Continuing the return our compatriots — who had fallen prey to the deception of the counterrevolutionary bands and had been standing in their ranks — to the side of our revolutionary government, recently a 150-man group belonging to the Mahaz-e Milli band, led by Ata Muhammad, Eshaq and Shahghasi, joined the security forces of Jowzjan Province, bringing their weapons with them. They made use of the Revolutionary Council's general amnesty decree in compliance with decisions and resolutions of the historic tribal assembly of the DRA. They have pledged to defend decisively the gains of the glorious April Revolution.

According to another report a 28-man group of the deceived persons belonging to Gulbuddin criminal band, led by Habib and Ra'is Ahmad Yusif, surrendered to the country's security forces bringing their weapons with them.

Flights for Pilgrims to Saudi Arabia Suspended
LD312048 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] A DRA Council of Ministers source, in connection with the dispatch of an administrative delegation from the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowment, a medical delegation from the DRA Ministry of Public Health, and Afghan pilgrims, said that the flights taking the Afghan pilgrims to Saudi Arabia, were suspended [moatal] due to the obstacles created by the Saudi Arabian authorities and the protector of its interests in Afghanistan. If the respective authorities do not take action the dispatch of Afghan pilgrims to Saudi Arabia will be stopped and the responsibility will rest on those who create obstacles in the path of haj performance in the House of God.

National Fatherland Front Head on Elections
LD010530 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0445 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] Kabul, July 31, BAKHTAR — The implementation of the elections of the people's representatives to the local assemblies and the realisation of the law on local organs of state power and administration are being ensured for the first time in the history of Afghanistan in a virtual democratic manner. This was said by Abdul Rahim Atef, president of the National Fatherland Front (NFF) of the DRA to a BAKHTAR correspondent.

Abdul Rahim Atef pointed out that the arrangement of relations between the local organs of state power and administration as well as the higher organs of power and state administration is demanded by all the people of the country. The enforcement of this law is void of any kind of discriminations such as tribal, language, religious and so forth. The authority over all state affairs belong to the representatives of the people who are picked out through free and multi-stage elections, he stressed.

Pointing to the role played by the NFF, encompassing sixteen social organizations including the PDPA, in the elections of the people's representatives, Abdul Rahim Atef said that the front is guarantor of the interests of all the organizations. The people's representatives are introduced to the people by the elected commissions and the people voice their votes after hearing their opinions and objectives, he remarked. He noted that the people's representatives who would be elected representatives for four years for the administration of the affairs at the localities, would belong to the localities and would have close contact with the people.

Dwelling on the elected commissions of the law on local organs of state power and administration, president of the NFF said that the number of the members of these commissions differs in accordance with the population of every locality. The commissions are elected through direct and free election by the people of the localities. The commissions are duty-bound to control all the stages of the elections and their proceedings in accordance with the law, protocols and other related documents.

Akali Dal's Longowal Escapes Assassination Attempt

HK010936 Hong Kong AFP in English 0849 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 1 (AFP) — Moderate Sikh leader Harchand Singh Longowal escaped by seconds an assassination attempt by militant students Tuesday, *THE HINDUSTAN TIMES* said here today. The Akali Dal Party chief, who has angered militants by calling off Punjab's violent autonomy campaign, was to be killed on his arrival in a car at the Golden Temple of Amritsar, the paper quoted intelligence sources as saying.

The paper said his aides had kept secret the exact time of his arrival, and that armed members of the All India Sikh Students Federation missed by seconds his car's entry into the temple complex, where he addressed his supporters. "A delay of a few seconds by the driver....could have proved fatal," the intelligence sources had said.

Informed sources said 36 people had been arrested and charged with attempted murder after clashes the same day in the temple between militants and moderates, in which 30 people were injured. It was not clear if the charges related to Mr Longowal, they said.

The assassination plot had been hatched a few days ago in the holy city, the paper said. There was no independent confirmation of the report.

Members of the rival militant and moderate factions of the Akali Dal, the main Sikh party, clashed with swords in the complex the same day and unidentified people opened fire, press reports said at the time.

Mr Longowal last week signed an accord with Premier Rajiv Gandhi to end the a four-year-old Sikh campaign for more autonomy for Punjab, home state of the Sikhs. The militants, some favouring independence for the state where Sikhs are in the majority over Hindus, rejected the agreement.

Mr Longowal left the temple yesterday for an undisclosed destination, *THE HINDUSTAN TIMES* said.

Continuing Reportage on Reaction to Punjab Accord

Longowal Appeals for Cooperation

BK010540 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] The Akali Dal president, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, has appealed to the people of Punjab and Sikhs in particular for their cooperation in implementing the Punjab accord. He told newsmen at Amritsar that the accord will give positive results. He observed that the agreement was with the whole state community and it was possible only due to the faith and trust the people had in the Akali Dal.

Sant Longowal described the clash between the rival Akali Dals in the Golden Temple complex area on Tuesday as unfortunate. He said it is the duty of every Sikh to maintain the sanctity of the Golden Temple and other religious places.

Strike in Haryana Ineffective

BK311621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] In Haryana, the bundh [strike] called by the state opposition parties against the Center-Akali Dal accord on Punjab evoked poor response. According to reports reaching the state headquarters at Chandigarh, only 10-20 percent of the shops remained closed at Ambala Gurgaon, Bhiwani, Karnal, Sonepal, and Sirsa. In other towns, there was no response to the bundh.

An official spokesman said in Chandigarh that offices, banks, and commercial establishments remained open, and buses plied as usual. No untoward incident has been reported from anywhere in the state.

Rajasthan Opposition Members' Memo

BK010344 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] Seventy-four opposition members of the Rajasthan assembly met President Zail Singh in New Delhi yesterday. In a memorandum they demanded that Rajasthan's share of waters in the Ravi-Beas system should not be reduced from 8.6 million acre-feet which was agreed to in 1955. The memorandum also says that Rajasthan should not be treated as a party to the river water dispute between Punjab and Haryana.

The signatories to the memorandum were Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, BJP [Bharatiya Janata Party]; Mr Nathu Ram Mirdha, Lok Dal; Professor Kedarnath, Janata; and Mr (Shopat Singh), CPI.

Further Reportage on Death of Member of Parliament

Suspects Held; Security Tight

BK311559 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Excerpts] The Congress-I MP, Mr Lalit Maken, his wife, and another person were shot dead by unidentified assailants in Delhi this morning. They were fired upon at their Kirti Nagar residence and were rushed to Ram Manohar Lohia hospital were Mr Lalit Maken was declared dead.

The Delhi police commissioner, Mr Ved Marwah, told newsmen this evening that three persons have been picked up for interrogation. Movements of two others are also being investigated. All possible hideouts are being searched. He said the case has been handed over to the crime branch for investigation.

Talking about the law and order situaion in the city, the police commissioner said it is well under control. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 [banning assembly of five or more persons at one place] have been imposed as a precautionary measure and will be in force for 7 days. Police are on full alert and pickets have been posted in all vulnerable areas.

The home minister, Mr S.B. Chavan, has issued strict instructions to the Delhi police to spare no effort in apprehending the assailants of Mr Lalit Maken and his wife.

MP on Sikh 'Hit List'

HK010616 Hong Kong AFP in English 0514 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 1 (AFP) — Police mounted a massive hunt here today for the killers of a prominent parliamentarian, as published reports said that the slain M.P. was on a hit list drawn up by Sikh militants.

Two young men killed Lalit Maken, his wife and a third person in a hail of sten gun fire outside his new west Delhi home yesterday. A huge manhunt was underway in the capital for the killers and city police chief Ved Marwah said he was in contact with the Army to see if they would be needed to control any retaliation from people on the streets to the killing.

An order banning meetings of more than four people in public places was imposed for a week yesterday and all entry routes to this city of six million were being checked, police said. Police last night set up road blocks throughout New Delhi and all vehicles crossing the city's limits were checked, eye witnesses said.

Three people have been taken into custody for questioning, police said.

Mr. Maken was a close associate of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and a prominent trade unionist. The M.P. had been named by two human rights organisations for alleged involvement in Hindu riots which followed the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on October 31, allegedly carried out by Sikhs.

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA, quoting intelligence sources reported that Mr. Maken's name prominently figured on a so-called hit list prepared by Sikh militants to avenge Sikhs slain during these riots. The UNI report coincided with a similar report in *THE HINDUSTAN TIMES* newspaper today which quoted highly placed sources as saying that they do not rule out the involvement of Sikh extremists in the murder. Meanwhile, Mr. Maken's family said his body would be cremated in New Delhi later today.

Party Leaders Condemn Killing

BK010436 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Excerpts] Leaders of various political parties have condemned the killing of Mr Lalit Maken and his wife in New Delhi yesterday. The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, and Pradesh Congress-I President Mufti Mohammad Syed condemned the act, and appealed for fighting against the menace of a cult of violence at the national level.

The Telugu Desam parliamentary party adopted a condolence resolution on the assassination of Mr Lalit Maken and his wife. The resolution adopted at its meeting in New Delhi said the diabolic attack led to the end of the life of a rising parliamentarian. The Janata party president, Mr Chandrashekhar; Congress-S. general secretary, Mr P. Unnikrishnan; and the Janawadi party president Mr Chandrajit Yadav, have also condoled the death. The Himachal Pradesh chief minister, Mr Vir Bhadra Singh, in a condolence message said in the death of Mr Maken the working classes have lost a great champion of their corps.

The Lok Dal members of the Rajya Sabha have condemned the assassination of Mr Lalit Maken and his wife. The general secretary of the Lok Dal parliamentary party, Mr Satya Prakash Malaviya, and three other party MP's said that the life of a promising youth has been brutally cut short by anti social elements.

The general body meeting of the Congress-I parliamentary party adopted a resolution condemning the dastardly act which brought an end to a brilliant and devoted career in public life. Addressing the meeting, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said it is the duty of every right-thinking person in the country to fight the menace of a cult of violence.

The cremation of the Congress-I MP, Mr Lalit Maken, and his wife will take place in Delhi this morning. The funeral procession will start at 0900 [0330 GMT] from his Tilak Marg residence and will go to Nigam Road ghat [crematorium].

Police have been put on the alert and a massive hunt is on to arrest the culprits. The description of the assailants has been sent all over. The tallest among the three was of dark complexion and he was sporting a moustache and a little beard. The second was of wheatish complexion and clean shaven; the third, who was described as short, was wearing a half-sleeve shirt. The three assailants escaped on a scotter after committing the crime. The Haryana government has alerted the police check post all along the Delhi border.

Further Reportage on Joint Talks With Pakistan

ISI on Talks, Ecuador Issue

BK311513 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 1454 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Briefing newsmen on 31st July 1985, the official spokesman said that the foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan met on 31st July, morning, for about 1 and 3/4 hours. There was a candid exchange of views on all aspects of bilateral relations. Some of the issues discussed were terrorists' arms supplies intereference, nuclear matters, and the two drafts. Niaz Naik also met the Chairman of the Policy Planing Committee on 31st July morning.

Answering newsmen's queries on the reported Ecuadorian move to recognise the so-called Khalistan, the spokesman said that the charge d'affaires of Ecuador called on the secretary, east, A.P. Venkateswaran on 31st July morning at his own request. He said he received message from his Ministry of External Relations which said that Doctor Arosemena had travelled to London in his private capacity. The Government of Ecuador recognised the Government of India as the only legitimate government and maintained cordial and friendly relations. The message further

said that the Government of Ecuador has neither maintained contact with nor recognised any movement of Sikh elements.

Foreign Secretaries Confer

BK311609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan — Mr Romesh Bhandari and Mr Niaz Naik — had another round of talks in New Delhi today. No other officials were present at the meeting which lasted over a 100 minutes. An official spokesman described the talks as a candid exchange of views on bilateral and other issues.

Asked about the draft of a treaty of peace, friendship, and cooperation and the nonaggression pact, the spokesman said these were discussed. On certain points, clarifications were sought and given. He said among the subjects touched upon in the talks were the problem of terrorism, arms supplies to Pakistan, and nuclear weapons. The two foreign secretaries will meet again tomorrow at a working lunch.

Karachi: 'Candid Exchange'

BK010108 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Talks between Pakistan and India at the foreign secretaries' level continued in New Delhi for the 2d day today. An Indian spokesman later described the talks as a candid exchange of views and said the two foreign secretaries — Mr Niaz A. Naik and Mr Romesh Bhandari — met alone. They exchanged views on bilateral relations. The spokesman said the discussions were held in an atmosphere of cordiality in which the drafts of the nonaggression pact and the treaty of peace, friendship, and cooperation were also discussed.

ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN in a report from New Delhi says it is understood that progress has been achieved. It was an element of the treaty removing the [words indistinct] as a confidence-building measure. The two sides sought certain clarifications from each other and decided to report to their governments about the progress made at the talks. The two foreign secretaries also elaborated views of their governments on arms supply position, noninterference in each other's affairs, and nuclear matters.

The agency adds it is (?expected) that the dialogue is to continue when the Indian foreign secretary visits Pakistan next time, for which Mr Niaz A. Naik has already extended an invitation. The Pakistan foreign secretary will meet the Indian prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, tomorrow before leaving for Pakistan.

Further Reportage on Trinidad Minister's Visit

Gandhi Accepts Invitation

FL310207 Bridgetown CANA in English 2357 GMT 30 Jul 85

[Text] Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, July 30, CANA — Indian prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, has accepted an invitation extended by Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister George Chambers to visit this country at a date to be arranged, according to External Affairs Ministry statement. The two prime ministers met in New Delhi today on Chambers' final stop on a foreign tour which has also taken him to Britain, South Korea, and Japan.

Meanwhile, external affairs minister, Errol Mahabir and Indian minister of state for external affairs, Khurshid Alam Khan, today signed an agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries. The Indian High Commission in a release issued here said the agreement will include co-operation on exchange of information, experts, training, and the execution of joint ventures. The release also said that during today's official discussions, India expressed interest in importing 120 thousand tonnes of urea from Trinidad and Tobago on a long term basis and that Trinidad showed interest in proposals from the Indian officals to set up joint venture such as hotels in this country. During the talks, interest was expressed in the field of economic, scientific and technical co-operation between the two countries.

We in Trinidad and Tobago have embarked on our own plans for the ordering of the national framework and mechanisms for the transfer, adaptation and absorption of modern technology in the economic and human development of our people, Errol Mahabir said on the occasion of the signing of the agreement. One component of this thrust will be the establishment of a science park dedicated to the development of high technology industries, an area in which India has already achieved remarkable success.

At the regional level of the Caribbean community, we are committed to the formulation of a regional policy and plan in science and technology which seeks to optimise the use of available resources, promote dynamism in agriculture and industry and improve the region's capacity to acquire technology. It is therefore logical that in our present emphasis on the development of science and technology as a viable mechanism for progress, we should join forces with your great country.

Later, at a dinner hosted for Chambers, Gandhi called for greater solidarity among developing nations in order that they could withstand the impact of international crises or pressures from the developed world. It is hard, Ghandi said for developing nations to individually withstand such pressures but if we stand together we shall be better able to secure our interests. South-South solidarity will be a good supplement to North-South co-operation, he added.

Afghan Protest of Border Incident Rejected

BK311533 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Pakistan has rejected the protest lodged by the Kabul regime on Monday alleging that the Pakistani Armed Forces had fired toward Barikowt in Konarha Province last Thursday, killing one person and injuring two others. The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office this afternoon and was informed of Pakistan's rejection of the protest lodged by the Kabul authorities. He was asked to convey to the Kabul authorities that they should refrain from leveling such baseless allegations. It was once again made clear to him that such repeated baseless allegations reveal the fact that the Kabul authorities want to make Pakistan responsibile for the prevailing internal situation in Afghanistan.

Delhi: President Holds Meeting on Martial Law

BK311523 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] President Ziaul Haq of Pakistan has had a high-level meeting in Islamabad to examine the possibility of lifting the martial law. The meeting was attended among others by the prime minister, Mr Junejo, and chief ministers of four states of Pakistan. Four provincial governors and senior military officers also took part.

The prime minister, Mr Junejo, had earlier said that martial law in Pakistan will be lifted after the revival of political parties in the country. A bill providing for this will be discussed by Pakistani parliament on the 7th of next month.

BANGLADESH

Indian Envoy Arrives for Ganges River Talks

BK010955 Dhaka BSS in English 0933 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] Dhaka, Aug 1 BSS — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's special envoy, Shiv Shankar, a member of Indian upper house, said here yesterday that he had been sent with "a clear mandate to create a better goodwill between the two countries."

He was received by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury.

He said, while talking to reporters, that there were some irritants between Bangladesh and India which remained unresolved for quite some time. He stressed that "my prime minister wants there should be no irritants."

Water sharing of the Ganges between the two countries is one of the irritants and the envoy would try to solve the issue politically. Shankar will hand over a message to day to President Hussain Mohammad Ershad when he calls on him.

SRI LANKA

Tamil Militants May Scuttle Peace Talks

HK010916 Hong Kong AFP in English 0838 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] Colombo, Aug 1 (AFP) — Sri Lankan security sources said today Tamil militants may be gathering in the troubled northern and eastern provinces in a bid to scuttle peace talks by provoking the government to violate a ceasefire.

They said the militants may be planning a major attack in an attempt to provoke a serious confrontation with government forces before the peace talks resume this month.

They would use such a violation of the ceasefire agreed last month as an excuse to stay away from the second round of talks, effectively ending the Indian-sponsored peace initiative, official sources said. The talks between the government and Tamil groups went on for a week last month without much apparent progress and are due to resume August 12.

Security sources said today there were reports of heavy movement of militants in the eastern and northern provinces, where a section of the country's 2.5 million Tamils have been waging a bloody battle for a separate state. Intelligence reports indicate that a substantial number of militants previously based in southern India have recently crossed the narrow Palk Strait into the north and east of Sri Lanka, sources said.

Several incidents have been reported since the three-month ceasefire began in mid-June. On Tuesday, a group of militants fired at a joint police and Army camp at the northern tip of the Jaffna Peninsula, security sources said. "They fired a few rounds at us and we replied with just a few rounds," a high ranking source said, adding that security forces had been told not to engage in a heavy response unless under attack. "We will give only a minimum response. They are trying to engage us in a fire fight so that if there are casualties on their side we can be accused of breaking the ceasefire," the source said.

The sources also said armed militants this week stopped a northbound train and stole eight large fuel storage tanks meant for the Army. A helicopter tracked the group down and fired on them, forcing the militants to leave two of the tanks and flee, government sources said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali today named the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), one of the five militant groups that attended the talks, as the main culprits. He told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that the Tamils were asked to present their own solution after they rejected the government's offers last month. "If they make proposals it will seem as if they are abandoning Eelam (independent state) and they don't want to be seen doing that," he said.

Some 2,000 people have died in the violence over the past decade. The militant Tamils say they are being discriminated against by the national majority Sinhalas.

Suspected Tamil Terrorist Arrested in Milan

AU271728 Paris AFP in English 1543 GMT 27 Jul 85

[Text] Milan, July 27 (AFP) — A Sri Lankan suspected to be a Tamil terrorist was arrested recently at Milan airport in possession of 3 kilos (6.6 lb) of heroin, police said here today. The man was named as Mohammad Arro Shaeen, aged 29, arrested for possessing fake identity papers. Police said the heroin was found in his suitcase, which arrived in Milan two days peviously. He is suspected of being a member of a Tamil terrorist network aiming to buy weapons through the sale of heroin.

Mr. Shaeen's arrest formed part of an international sweep involving Italian, British, and Spanish police. A Thai said to be linked to Mr. Shaeen — Roycroft Phona Shirhey, aged 32 — was arrested a few days later in Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

Further Reportage on Hajj Seminar in Beirut

Lebanon's Fadlallah, Jannati Confer

GF310906 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] At the end of the hajj and Islamic unity seminar in Beirut, Seyyed Husayn Fadlallah met with Ayatollah Jannati and his delegation and held discussions on issues relating to Muslims.

During this meeting they reviewed the current issues in Lebanon and the aggressions of the Zionist regime against the Muslim population of that country. They stressed the need to continue the struggle against the aggressors.

Fadlallah on U.S. Terrorism Statements

GF270616 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 26 Jul 85

[Text] In an exclusive interview with IRNA, Lebanese scholar Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, one of the Muslim leaders in Lebanon, has said that by identifying the Muslim Lebanese people as terrorists, the United States is trying to make the fate of the Lebanese people the same as that of Palestinian Muslims.

Noting that the enemies of Islam are trying to sow discord among Muslims in southern Lebanon, he said: Evidence proves that efforts are being made to aggravate the situation in Sidon, southern Lebanon, in order to pit Lebanese Muslims and Palestinian Muslims against each other. He expressed the hope that Lebanese Muslims will foil the plots by international arrogance and Zionism through their solidarity and unity with Palestinian Muslims.

His eminence emphasized that differences and clashes between Lebanese and Palestinian Muslims serve the Zionist entity's interest. This entity is seeking to keep Lebanon in a state of crisis so that it will be able to carry out its designs, he said.

Scholar Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah affirmed the need to continue the struggle until the Zionist entity is eliminated because its presence in occupied Palestine in illegal. Continued struggle against the Zionist enemy should not be confined to the expulsion of Zionists from southern Lebanon, he said.

Addressing Palestinian Muslims, Scholar Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah said: Muslims support you in starting struggle inside the occupied territories against the enemy of Islam.

About the U.S. aggressive policy in the region and U.S. claims to combat terrorism, his eminence said: By identifying the Muslims as terrorists, the United States is trying to mislead the world public opinion in order to create the appropriate atmosphere to deal a blow to the Islamic forces.

He asserted that the United States has carried out such a plot against Palestinian Muslims and, by identifying them as terrorists, it drew up plans for the Zionist entity's invasion of Lebanon and forced the armed Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

Seminar Ends; Statement Issued

GF310910 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Yesterday evening the regional seminar on hajj ended its work after 3 days of discussions by issuing a statement that stressed the need for unity among Muslims and their continued struggle against world aggressors. According to IRNA a part of this 13-point statement says:

The participants in this seminar believe in the principle that religion cannot be separated from politics. With regard to the supreme teachings of the Holy Koran, they view the hajj ceremonies as the best opportunity to express animosity against blasphemy. By stressing Islamic unity, the seminar participants condemn redtape and unnecessary regulations governing the hajj ceremonies and consider these to be against the laws of the Lord. They also warn the Muslims to stay away from the direct influence of the world powers, especially the United States, over the Islamic holy sites.

According to this report, another part of the statement says: The participants in this seminar invite Muslims to unite their forces to remove the occupying Zionist regime. They ask the Muslims to utilize and pool all their military and economic forces for this purpose. In addition, the seminar strongly condemns all compromising solutions which ensure the continued occupation of Muslims' lands.

In another section the statement mentions the war imposed by Iraq on the Islamic Republic of Iran and says: The imposed aggressive war by the blasphemous regime of Saddam against the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has sidetracked the forces of the Muslims from their task of liberating Jerusalem, is condemned, as is the occupation of Afghan territory by the Soviet Union and the Israeli crimes in Lebanon. All these are links in a chain aimed at weakening the Muslims and preventing their liberation.

The statement also says: We recognize all the achievements of the Muslims to be the result of the experiences of Islamic Iran in its enforcement of the laws of God. We recognize its wise leadership, which is based on Velayat-e Faqih, as the best guarantee for unity among all Muslims.

We remind you that the seminar on hajj and Islamic unity was held from 29-31 July in Beirut at the invitation of the Muslim Clerics' Association. A group of clerics from Islamic countries took part in the seminar to discuss the various issues of hajj and Islamic unity in five committees of hajj and prayers, hajj and Islamic unity, hajj and politics, hajj and the economy, and hajj and culture.

Further Reportage, Comment on Hajj Preparations

Condemnation of Protests 'Rejected'

LD010548 Tehran IRNA in English 0538 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 1, IRNA — The Islamic Guidance Ministry Wednesday rejected a recent announcement by the Saudi Ara-

bian Rabit al-Alam al-Islami (Muslim World League) in condemning demonstrations to be held by Muslims during hajj rituals.

In a statement issued by the Ministry in this connection it was stressed that the announcement of the association was another plot in the series of conspiracies hatched by international arrogance and its supporters against Islam and Muslims.

The people today have become vigilant and are determined to decisively fight against imperialists and their subservients, the statement noted. Emphasising that the Islamic Revolution of Iran is a center to fight blasphemy, imperialism and Zionism, the statement said that obviously representatives of this revolution could not abandon their Islamic duties in the holy places, upon the will of anti-Islamic powers.

The statement reiterated that Iranian hajj pilgrims, in united ranks with other non-Iranian Muslims, will express their hatred of international oppression and Zionism in Medina and Mecca.

Further Details

GF010744 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] The Iranian Ministry of Islamic Guidance has replied to the position taken by the Saudi organization, the World Muslim League, with regard to its condemnation of demonstrations held by Muslims against world aggressors during hajj. The ministry has issued a statement rejecting all of the organization's so-called Islamic ideas. The statement says: We recognize the utterances by the World Muslim League to be a link in a chain of plots by the world aggressors and their lackeys which are being hatched against Islam and Muslims.

A part of this statement mentions verses of the Holy Koran which invite Muslims to rebel against and reject blasphemers and says: How can one face the house in which the people's religious rebellion and existence is based while turning away from their religious and worldly issues? When the pilgrims to the hajj are discouraged from demonstrating next to the Ka'bah against blasphemers, can one still call the Ka'bah a source of the people's rebellion and existence?

The statement continues: Discouraging Muslims from staging demonstrations during the hajj against the United States and Israel and other usurpers of the rights of the Muslims and the oppressed is not ridding this political-religious ceremony from politics but rather it is mixing hajj with policies aligned to the interests of those enemies of righteousness.

The Ministry of Islamic Guidance continues its statement by questioning the World Muslim League and asks: Is the invitation of the Islamic ummah to unity in the face of the enemies of God and his religion and shouting slogans such as "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" a proof of an illegal dispute during hajj? Does the World Muslim League not know that illegal dispute during hajj is a dispute which aims at achieving evil designs among Muslims and aims to consolidate wrong principles among Muslims?

The statement mentions the glorious Islamic Revolution in Iran and its leadership and its struggle against blasphemy, heresy, and Zionism and confirms the determination of hajj pilgrims to carry out their Islamic duties.

It adds: During this year's hajj and with the help of Ka'bah's God, 150,000 Iranian pilgrims, alongside their brothers and sisters from other Islamic countries, will perform the rituals in an organized and glorious formation in Medina and Mecca. They will show their rejection and hatred toward world aggressors and evil Zionism.

Airline Chief Outlines Goals

LD311434 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Mr Shatti, managing director of the Islamic Republic of Iran's airline, spoke at a press and radio-television conference today about his organization's work for this year's hajj pilgrimage. We draw your attention to his remarks:

[Begin Shatti recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Thanks to the undiminishing divine power and to the efforts and commitment of the employees of the Islamic Republic airline, we are performing our duties.

Compared with previous years, we are working under greater pressure and it is unprecedented for the airline to transport 150,000 passengers in 22 and 1/2 days in addition to its daily routine schedule.

Also, compared with the number of passengers carried last year and the number of passengers transported before the revolution, this year's figure is more than twice the highest number of passengers transported before the revolution. This is happening at a time when our resources have, in fact, been reduced because, during last year's hajj pilgrimage there were two cases of plane hijackings and two of our aircraft were kept by the Iraqi Zionist government.

In addition, economic sanctions, the U.S. ban on the sale of spare parts, and the outcome of the imposed war have naturally put severe limitations on us. This year, fortunately, without any help from abroad and without the use of foreign experts either in the flight crew or the service crew at airports, we shall complete all our flights, including our normal flights, within the period of 22 and 1/2 days, God willing.

Pilgrims' flights will take place from five airports in the country and this year, because of the efforts of the state hajj organization, greater facilities have been provided for the hajj pilgrims at these airports. This is more so at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport in view of the increase in the number of pilgrims this year.

The entire operation will be completed by 20 August, God willing, and during this period we shall try to obtain permission from Saudi Arabia for more flights.

Great care will be taken and we shall employ all our efforts to make certain that the honorable hajj pilgrims will enjoy maximum comfort during their divine trip. [End recording]

1979 Khomeyni Message Recalled

LD311757 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1200 GMT 31 Jul 85

[From the Press Review]

[Text] On the approach of the hajj pilgrimage we have chosen an item from today's press under the title "Hajj, International Congress Against Zionism and Racism," which you now hear: [name of newspaper not given]

Hajj should provide a response to the shouts of those who in Islamic countries are subjected to oppression and tyranny by criminal and subservient regimes, and who are sacrificed at the altar of racism. The holy Mecca and the luminous Medina should be the best base and shelter for millions of human beings who wish to raise their call at the vicinity of the House of God against Zionism, against America and against regimes under American domination, and against class and racial discriminations, because the hajj pilgrimage has a political significance surpassing its devotional significance. In the past few years hajj ceremonies have assumed a popular and mass dimension, and the slogans chanted by the pilgrims at the House of God have turned those rituals into a launching pad for an Islamic movement.

In a message addressed to the pilgrims to the House of God on 30 September 1979, Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, emphasized the political aspects of the Islamic hajj rituals and the need for a general uprising of Muslims against colonial policies during the hajj ceremonies.

In the message of the imam we read: "One of the duties of Muslims in this great gathering is to invite Islamic people and communities to the unity of expression and the elimination of differences between various Islamic groups. The orators, preachers and writers should fulfill this task and try to bring about a united front of all the oppressed people with the unity of expression around the slogan: There is no God but Allah. They should release Muslims from the yoke of the domination of satanic powers, aliens, colonialists and imperialists, and should make them overcome the difficulties with Islamic brotherhood.

My dear sisters and brothers! In whatever country you reside you should defend your Islamic and national dignity, and without fear you should defend Islamic nations and communities against your enemies, namely America, international Zionism and Eastern and Western superpowers; and you should expose the oppression exercised by the enemies of Islam.

My dear Muslim brothers and sisters! You are aware that all our material and spiritual resources are being plundered by the Eastern and Western superpowers, and they have made us politically, economically, culturally and militarily dependent. Come to your senses and regain your Islamic dignity. Do not give in to oppression and, with vigilance, expose the evil plots of world plunderers, led by America. Today, the first qibla of the Muslims has been occupied by Israel, this cancerous cell in the heart of the Middle East.

Today, Israel crushes and destroys our beloved Palestinian and Lebanese brothers with all its might. Today, with all the satanical means at its disposal, Israel sows the seeds of discord. It is the duty of every Muslim to mobilize himself against Israel.

Today, our Muslim brothers in Africa are struggling against the yoke of American domination, or the domination of other aliens and their lackeys. Today, Muslim Africa is raising its suppressed voice. The philosophy of hajj should provide a response to all these wronged calls. Circumambulation around the House of God means we will not turn to anyone except God, and the throwing of stones at idols means that we throw stones at human and (?hidden) satans. While you throw your stones you should make a pledge to God that you will expel the human satans, the superpowers, from the Islamic lands.

Today, the world of Islam is captive in the hands of America. You should take a message from God to the Muslims residing in different continents of the world, a message saying that you will not accept slavery and subjugation to anyone except God.

Muslims of the world; followers of monotheistic philosophy. The reason for all the difficulties facing Islamic countries is their disunity and their lack of harmony; the secret of victory is the unity of expression and the establishment of harmony. God Almighty, in one sentence, has ordered us: Hold ye fast to the rope of God and do not be disunited. Holding fast to the rope of God means that all the Muslims of the world should act in harmony. All of us should go forward for the sake of Islam, toward Islam, for the sake of the interests of Muslims and to escape from differences, separation and disunity, which are the source of all problems and difficulties.

Therefore, you should turn the hajj pilgrimage into a world congress against Zionism and against racism, because the House of God is the place for the gathering of Muslims, whether white, black, Arab or non-Arab, and is also the best place for rising against colonialist and imperialist policies.

Khomeyni Receives Group of Marchers from Khuzestan

LD311254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] A group of Islamic combatants comprising the children and families of self-sacrificing warriors in the imposed war, after walking a distance of more than 800 km from Khuzestan to Tehran, met with Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Islamic Revolution and commander in chief of the Armed Forces, in Hoseyniyeh Jamaran this morning. They were eager to demonstrate the high morale of the combatants of Islam and their determination to continue the battle against the enemies of Islam.

During the meeting, the official in charge of this group introduced the participants in this great march and expressed their gratitude for being granted this audience. Afterwards, the marchers sang an anthem in the presence of the imam of the

ummah and then Hojjat ol-Eslam Tavassoli expressed the imam's thanks and appreciation. In conclusion, Imam Khomeyni acknowledged the sentiments of the audience.

Musavi: Minimize Dependence on Oil Revenues

LD312015 Tehran IRNA in English 1855 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Tehran, July 31, IRNA — Prime Minister Musavi said to government ministers here today that the Islamic Republic will continue to uphold an economic policy aimed at minimizing the country's dependence on oil.

Musavi who was talking at a cabinet session said that economic experts and planners unanimously agree on the need for shifting the economy away from its reliance on oil. He said despite Iran's being embroiled in a procrastinated [as received] war with Iraq, the country has managed to survive without the slightest foreign loan.

Musavi said the government's success in reducing expenditures proves its capacity to cope with the typical problems of the post-revolution era.

Further Details

GF010802 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 1 Aug 85

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, in yesterday's cabinet meeting Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi gave a speech about cuts in the 1985 budget. He said: Despite wartime conditions and international plots, compared to Third World countries which live under normal conditions, we are in better shape. The prime minister then rejected an economic system dependent on one product and told the ministers: All the gentlemen agree with the principle that there should be less dependence on oil revenues and this is a correct policy which we believe in. We must note that considering the country's deep economic dependence on oil exports, this issue needs time.

The prime minister then compared the present situation to that projected in an economic session in spring of 1978 during the shah's time. He said:

At that time the oil revenues and other products was projected to be about $40 billion for this year. With this policy the prevailing conditions in the country were severely Americanized and a consumer-oriented living standard had reached its peak. We were dependent right up to our necks. But now we feel that we can run the country comfortably without a single debt and with less than half the cost.

The prime minister then continued his discussions on cuts in the budget and said this was a sign of strength in the principles of the Islamic Republic.

The report of our correspondent indicates that during yesterday's cabinet meeting the services of martyr Brigadier General Monfared Niaki were praised.

Egyptian, U.S. Exercises Postponed Due to Threats

LD311941 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] The Egyptian ruling regime has indefinitely postponed the date for holding this year's "Bright Star" maneuvers, due to be held with the participation of thousands of United States and Egyptian military personnel, after discovering a plan of attack by Egyptian Muslim revolutionaries on U.S. troop assembly points.

According to an IRNA report in this connection the Mubarak regime has arrested a great number of fighting Muslims in the cities of Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said and Asyut under the pretext of being extremist religious people. The fighting Egyptian Muslims, with the cooperation of Muslim officers and soldiers taking part in the Joint Egyptian-U.S. "Bright Star" maneuvers, intended to carry out a series of operations aimed at the assembly points of U.S. forces in the Alexandrian desert [as heard]. The "Bright Star" maneuvers, due to be held this year in Egypt with the participation of more than 9000 U.S. troops and a number of Egyptian troops, have been carried out since 1980.

U.S. Plans Terrorist-Style Moves Against Muslims

LD312237 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1703 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] Now more than ever before, U.S. imperialism is apprehensive of the spread and expansion of Islamic liberation movements. This drives U.S. ideologists and political think-tanks to spend their time studying revolutionary Islam in attempts to find means to supress it.

Colonial powers over the centuries have tried to defeat the Islamic world as one entity, since, from their arrogant viewpoint, such unity of Muslim nations, which stems from their Islamic culture, has been the principal threat to colonial interests. With this imperialistic thought Zionism appears in the Middle East — at the instigation of imperialists — to act as the site for the presence of arrogance against the Muslim nation in the Middle East and to become the spearhead of imperialist aggression in line with the spread of discord in the region.

Now that the ideology of the Islamic revolution is well on its way to traversing the make-believe boundaries of the Muslim Middle East and is progressing beyond the region, Western imperialism congregates to contemplate solutions. It is the liberating words of the uncompromisingly anti-imperialist Islam that has set the goal of the extermination of any traces of exploitive hegemony.

Therefore, any actions by Washington or any of its agents against the Islamic Revolution is analyzed in the light of the imperialist nature of the White House. It is within such a framework that U.S. ideologists and its political think-tank present their recommendations so that Washington may save itself through invasive doctrines. There is no talk of a Communist threat in such doctrines, or the means of containing Communism in its boundaries, or even the ways of creating discord in the Commu-

nist camp. The world has belonged to the Islamic revolution from 1980 onwards, particularly with the presentation of the concepts of total defiance and antideviationism as two of its genuine characteristics.

U.S. ideologists are trying to [words indistinct] the anti-imperialist Islamic movement to an anti-Christian movement, and by psychological campaigns, to confront the Christians against over 1 billion Muslims in the world. This colonial ploy, despite its fruitfulness for the colonialists in the past, will fail due to the political awareness of nations.

U.S. analysts state that the Islamic Republic of Iran is the center for exporting revolutionary Islam, but the Islamic Revolution has reached such a state of durability that, in order to suppress it, every center of Islamic revolution propagation throughout the world of Islam must be attacked. These analysts (?attack) the states sympathetic to the Islamic Revolution and the supporting parties of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the one hand; and the revolutionary and popular clergy in Islamic countries, on the other. They see salvation in isolating the defiant clergy, giving unsparing assistance to the dependent regimes in the Middle East, and spreading terrorism in the countries whose Muslim nations have risen against the colonialist interests of the United States.

It is against this backdrop that setting up special forces for terrorist-style operations is discussed. Despite legal prohibitions, according to many reports and articles, the CIA has been delegated to carry out terrorist-style operations in the Middle East and North Africa. Such operations are aimed at the popular Islamic movements in this region. Some reports indicate that there will be an increase of 300 percent in such covert operations by the special CIA task force during the next 4 years, inflating their ranks to 12,400 members. The budget for this special taskforce has been increased 3-fold during the past 3 years, reaching 500 million pounds sterling, which points to the importance given to the U.S. terrorist operations in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Washington boasts about its antiterrorist stand and Reagan threatens the revolutionary and liberation-seeking nations of the Islamic Middle East with so-called retaliatory actions, using the pretext of terrorism. U.S. ideologists are meeting to seek solutions, and they speak of direct aggression and the blatant spread of terrorism as the only effective means. But the defeat of the occupying regime in Jerusalem in its aggression against Lebanon, and the disappointment of the Zionist-Ba'thist regime of Iraq in attacking the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as the progressive spread of Islamic liberating movements are all direct responses to world arrogance. However, they, in their dimwittedness, always search for sabotage and aggression as solutions.

Repair Work To Interrupt Communication Lines

LD311103 Tehran IRNA in English 0936 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] TEHRAN, July 31, IRNA — All communication lines, including phone, telegraph and television links, connecting Iran and certain countries will be cut for three hours on Thursday, August 1. The repair work will begin on 0200 and last till 0500 local time Thursday (2230 GMT Wednesday till 0130 GMT Thursday) at Martyr Ghandi ground station. Countries affected include Japan, the Philippines, North and South Korea, Australia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar.

Gendarmerie Set Up To Halt Afghan, USSR Drug Flow

LD312005 Tehran IRNA in English 1724 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Mashhad, July 31, IRNA — Iran has established five Gendarmerie brigades on its 1,700-km-border with Afghanistan and the Soviet Union in an effort to halt the flow of illegal drugs to Iran. The head of the Gendarmerie in the northeastern Khorasan Province said Wednesday that 2,200 kilos of opium, 140 kilos of heroin and 250 kilos of hashish were confiscated from 1,657 traffickers on the border in the last Iranian year ending 20 March. He also said 5,000 men of his command have served voluntarily in the war fronts of whom 184 have been wounded or martyred.

Iraqi Kurds Carry Out Ambush, Plant Mines

LD312028 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Iraqi Kurdish Hezbollahi Peshmergas carrying out a successful ambush on an enemy military column between Diyana and Sayyid Kan destroyed an ammunition-carrying truck and a military vehicle of the Iraqi Ba'thist Zionist regime. During these operations, which took place 4 days ago, all passengers in these vehicles were killed.

According to reports reaching us from northern Iraq, the same forces destroyed a military vehicle of the Iraqi Army by planting mines along the (?Faribar) base's road on the same axis. The same report says that these mines planted by the Hezbollahi Peshmergas, from the Sulaymaniyah branch, in the Khormal region on 3d and 4th Mordad (25th and 26th July 1985] destroyed a personnel-carrying truck and one command jeep, killing six troops of the Ba'thist regime and wounding several.

In retaliation against the operations in the Sayyid Kan region six helicopter gunships of the Iraqi Zionist regime successively strafed the villages of Faribar, Quchan, Latiar, (name indistinct), and 11 other hamlets within Iraqi territory wounding several defenceless Iraqi Muslim Kurdish people.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraq Shells Abadan, Khorramshahr

GF311503 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] The resisting cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr, as usual, remained under heavy shelling by the Zionist enemy during the last 24 hours. The various caliber shells fired by the infidel Saddamists, according to a report by the correspondent of the Central News Unit, caused damage to 5 houses in Abadan and set ablaze 100 barrels of oil in Khorramshahr.

Regarding enemy attempts to violate the air space of Abadan yesterday morning at 0835 [0505 GMT], it was foiled by the ground fire of the Islamic combatants.

Communique No 2,182

LD311642 Tehran IRNA in English 1544 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Tehran, July 31, IRNA — An Iraqi MIG-25 tried to violate the airspace of Tehran at 08:45 (05:15 GMT) Wednesday but was forced to flee when it was intercepted and chased away by Iranian jet fighters, said the Joint Staff Command Communique No. 2182 issued today. Other Iraqi air raids on the northwestern front were also repelled due to heavy anti-aircraft fire of the anti-defense batteries, the communique said.

Reporting on military operations in the past 24 hours, the command said Iraqi troops suffered a number of dead as a result of Iranian artillery fire throughout the war front on Tuesday.

In the central front where the enemy was reported to have suffered 23 casualties, ten bunkers and two ammunition depots were destroyed when Iran's Muslim combatants shelled enemy positions. Enemy movements were also controlled in Helleh and Kharratha, the communique noted.

In the southern front, where heaviest clashes were reported from Nahr-Anbar and the Majnun Islands, enemy patrols were forced to flee.

Iraqi artillery fire damaged five houses in the port of Abadan and Gendarmerie forces stationed near there shelled Iraqi positions, killing and wounding a number of Iraqis.

POW's Marched Through Ahvaz

LD312003 Tehran IRNA in English 1720 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] Ahvaz, July 31, IRNA — Iraq's Muslim combatants marched through this southern city Tuesday afternoon as another group of Iraqi troops captured in the Qods-4 offensive was carried aboard buses to a nearby camp. The Iraqi combatants were members of the Badr Brigade who participated in the recent Qods-4 offensive alongside Iranian forces fighting the Ba'th regime in Baghdad.

People lined the strets shouting slogans and calling for the death of Saddam as the convoy winded its way through the city. The Iraqi prisoners of war rode in buses behind the marchers as a military band played martial music in front of the Iraqi combatants.

Nejat-e Iran Notes Death of Soviet 'Spy' in Tehran

GF270820 (Clandestine) Radio Nejat-e Iran in Persian 0330 GMT 27 Jul 85

[Excerpt] A veteran Soviet spy has been killed in Evin prison. The Radio Nejat-e Iran correspondent reports that an official affiliated with the Foreign Ministry of the mullahs' regime in Tehran stated that in recent talks concerning the resumption of cordial ties with the Soviets, it transpired that one of the real reasons for the cooling of Tehran-Moscow ties in the past 2 years was the arrest of some elements of the Soviet secret police in Iran.

The same source informed the Radio Nejat-e Iran correspondent that the arrests of leaders and prominent figures of the Tudeh Party, with the exception of some military personnel who were executed, did not cause as much anxiety for the Soviets as did the recognition and arrests of some of their veteran spies in Tehran and other cities of Iran who had been resident there for some time and some of their important pawns and [words indistinct] who had entered Iran after Khomeyni's revolution.

The Radio Nejat-e Iran correspondent adds that according to this official source in the mullahs' regime, among those arrested in Tehran and killed in Tehran's Evin Prison after being tortured was Hasan Pezeshki who [words indistinct] and was involved in espionage for the Soviet Union in Iran for many years. According to our correspondent, Hasan Pezeshki was an important link of the Tudeh Party with the Soviet Embassy in Tehran and the Soviet intelligence organization in Moscow.

The date on which Hasan Pezeshki, the 80-year-old Soviet spy who was in the service of the Soviet Union from the time of his youth until the reign of King Reza I, was killed has not been revealed. Some of the elements of the Tudeh Party abroad say that it happened last year while some say that it took place this year.

Ineffective Red Army Doubled in Afghanistan

GF311544 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 29 Jul 85

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Dear listeners, recently violent clashes have been observed in Afghanistan within the framework of the Islamic struggle being waged against the occupationist Soviet Union and the puppet Marxist regime in that country. Following the end of winter and the opening of the communications routes, Soviet forces have begun to intensify their offensives aimed at capturing the strategically important regions held by the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries and at cutting the links of the mujahidin with neighboring countries.

While organizing wide-ranging attacks in Herat, Panjsher, (?Suzan), Badakhshan, Paktia, Konarha, Farah, and other regions in southwest Afghanistan — attacks within the framework of the new strategic tactic resorted to by the Soviet Union — the occupationist forces are realizing the need for new forces in order to achieve their aim and suppress the struggling Afghan people.

According to reports from Afghanistan, the Soviet military presence in that country, which was over 100,000 men in the past, has recently been significantly reinforced. The number of Soviet troops has been doubled. This state of affairs is causing considerable concern in the world and international circles over the expansionist policy pursued by Soviet imperialism.

If the doubling of the Soviet troops in Afghanistan is taken into consideration — a move which came when the puppet Marxist regime's forces totaled only one-third of the Soviet troops and when dissension increased the Afghan Army — the entity the mujahidin are fighting against becomes more clear. In other words, it is quite clear that the Muslim people of Afghanistan are being massacred by the Red Army of Soviet imperialism.

However, despite the fact that their numbers exceed that of the Afghan Army, the Soviet troops, which are said to have been deployed in Afghanistan to help the puppet regime, are unable to stand their ground before the mujahidin — let alone provide help. As such, they are continuously increasing their number.

As for the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries, who are aware of the fact that they have been fighting against the occupationist troops of Soviet imperialism since the very beginning of their struggle, they are intensifying their attacks despite the reinforcement of the enemy forces. In fact, they have been achieving comparative victories through their successful attacks during the past few days. This view is confirmed by the dissension in the troops affiliated with the puppet Marxist regime to the ranks of the Muslim revolutionaries.

Afghan Mujahidin Operations, Soviet Retaliation
GF311817 Tehran IRNA in Arabic 1740 GMT 31 Jul 85

[Text] The Afghan mujahidin launched successful attacks on 10 positions in (?Mard Kala) in the Herat region, killing 11 government and Soviet troops and wounding a large number of them. Following these operations, the invasion forces shelled this region with missiles and long-range artillery and raided it with fighter planes, martyring 21 mujahidin and villagers and wounding 7. During these operations, the mujahidin captured a quantity of arms and ammunition.